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[on the report of the Third Committee (A/49/606)]

49/157. Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

The General Assembly,

Recalling the responsibility assumed by the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice under Economic and Social Council resolution 155 C (VII) of 13 August 1948 and General Assembly resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950,

Bearing in mind the goals of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, specifically the reduction of criminality, more efficient and effective law enforcement and administration of justice, respect for human rights and the promotion of the highest standards of fairness, humanity and professional conduct,

Recalling its resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991, in the annex to which it affirmed that United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders should be held every five years to provide a forum for the exchange of views between States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individual experts representing various professions and disciplines, the exchange of experiences in research, law and policy development and the identification of emerging trends and issues in crime prevention and criminal justice,

Recalling also its resolution 48/103 of 20 December 1993, in which it requested the Secretary-General to undertake all steps necessary to ensure the adequate organization of the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/32 of 27 July 1993,

Recognizing the important contribution made to the preparation for the Ninth Congress by the five regional preparatory meetings for the Congress, and the recommendations therefrom, as reflected in the reports of those

meetings, 1/

Welcoming the recommendations made by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its third session on the organizational and substantive preparations for the Ninth Congress, as reflected in its report, 2/ and in Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/19 of 25 July 1994,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 46/152, 47/91 and 48/103, 3/ and of the progress made so far in the preparations for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;

2. Approves the recommendations contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/19, and requests the Secretary-General to translate them into action;

3. Takes note of the note verbale dated 1 December 1994 from the Permanent Mission of Tunisia to the United Nations Office at Vienna;

4. Accepts with gratitude the generous invitation of the Government of Egypt to act as host for the Ninth Congress, to be held at Cairo;

5. Decides to hold the Ninth Congress at Cairo from 29 April to 10 May 1995, including two days for pre-Congress consultations;

6. Expresses the hope that the Ninth Congress will make a major contribution to the solution of problems related to crime prevention and criminal justice;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the substantive and organizational arrangements for the Ninth Congress are adequate for the outcome of the Congress, and to provide the required resources for that purpose, based on a statement of financial implications in response to Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/19 and to the present resolution;

8. Reiterates its invitation to Governments to participate actively in the preparations for the Ninth Congress, particularly through the submission of national position papers on different agenda items, the establishment, as appropriate, of national committees and focal points, the encouragement of contributions from the academic community and relevant scientific institutions and the participation in the Congress of national correspondents in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice;

9. Calls upon the specialized agencies, concerned United Nations bodies, regional institutes and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to participate actively in the Ninth Congress and to give the necessary attention and priority to national, regional and international measures aimed at preventing crime and improving the quality of the administration of justice;

1/ A/CONF.169/RPM.1/Rev.1 and Corr.1, A/CONF.169/RPM.2, A/CONF.169/RPM.3 and Corr.1, A/CONF.169/RPM.4 and A/CONF.169/RPM.5.

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1994, Supplement No. 11 (E/1994/31).

3/ A/49/593.

10. Decides that the theme for the Ninth Congress shall be "Less crime, more justice: security for all";

11. Requests the Secretary-General to facilitate the broader participation of developing countries by providing the necessary resources for the travel and per diem of delegations from least developed countries, in accordance with paragraph 13 (c) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/32, from within the limits of available resources, and by exploring the possibility of obtaining contributions for this purpose from all sources available, including governmental, intergovernmental and the relevant non-governmental organization donors;

12. Also requests the Secretary-General to invite twenty expert consultants to participate in the Ninth Congress at the expense of the United Nations, in accordance with paragraph 13 (f) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/32;

13. Calls upon the Ninth Congress to formulate concrete recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the United Nations activities and mechanisms in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, taking into account the recommendations made by the regional preparatory meetings and paying particular attention to the operational activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme;

14. Requests the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to give priority attention at its fourth session to the conclusions and recommendations of the Ninth Congress, with a view to recommending appropriate follow-up, through the Economic and Social Council, by the General Assembly at its fiftieth session;

15. Decides to consider this subject at its fiftieth session.

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